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SUBJECT: DROUGHT IN EAST AFRICA

1. SECRETARY HAS DIRECTED THAT STUDY BE PREPARED OF
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DROUGHT SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA WITH FOCUS ON ACTIONS USG

SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING NOW TO MEET CURRENT RELIEF NEEDS AS WELL AS TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE WORSE CONTINGENCIES. FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED OF POSTS.

2. FOR NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM: REPORT BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION OF CURRENT DROUGHT SITUATION IN COUNTRY AND PROSPECTS OVER COMING YEAR. DEPARTMENT REALIZES INFORMATION MAY BE SPOTTY, TENTATIVE OR UNSUBSTANTIATED, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON EXTENT AND NATURE OF DROUGHT PROBLEM, ROUGH NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AFFECTED, IMPACT ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND LIVESTOCK, HOST GOVERNMENT'S CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM, INDICATIONS OF OTHER DONOR (UN, OTHER GOVERNMENTS, MISSIONARY OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS) RELIEF ACTIVITY OR INTEREST, AND FACTORS THAT WOULD HAMPER RELIEF EFFORTS (TRANSPORT OR STORAGE SHORTAGES, POOR ROADS, WEATHER, ETC.) CITE PREVIOUS REPORTING AS APPROPRIATE.

3. FOR ADDIS ABABA: YOUR 3056 AND PREVIOUS REPORTING AMPLY SATISFY DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. HOWEVER, WOULD WELCOME SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS IF

YOU BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4. FOR KHARTOUM AND MOGADISCO: REPORT IF UNUSUAL DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXIST OR THREATEN YOUR COUNTRIES. IF SO, SUPPLY AS MUCH OF INFORMATION REQUESTED OF NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM AS IS AVAILABLE. CITE PREVIOUS REPORTING AS APPROPRIATE.

5. FOR US MISSION TO FAO: REPORT FAO'S ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM AND ADEQUACY OF CURRENT RELIEF MEASURES, AS WELL AS STATUS OF FAO'S AND WFP'S CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD DROUGHT WORSEN. WE HAVE OSRO/WFP PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1 AND UNDP REPORT OF FEBRUARY 15 ON ETHIOPIA, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY UPDATING, AS WELL AS FAO VIEW ON OTHER EAST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

6. FOR USUN AND GENEVA: REPORT SYG'S ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AND ADEQUACY OF CURRENT RELIEF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURES, AS WELL AS STATUS OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD DROUGHT WORSEN.

7. ALL ADDRESSEES: DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO ACTIONS IF ANY USG SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING NOW TO SUPPLEMENT CURRENT RELIEF EFFORTS OR OF ACTIONS USG SHOULD SET IN TRAIN NOW TO BE ABLE RESPOND IN TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE FASHION SHOULD DROUGHT WORSEN.

8. RESPONSES SHOULD REACH DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN
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